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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Conveyorized Cheese Brining Apparatus, the specification of which was filed on October 17, 2001 as Application No. 09/981,640.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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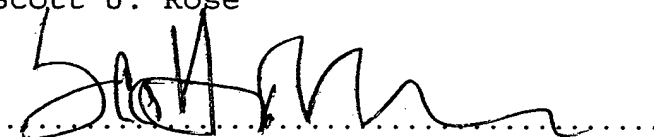
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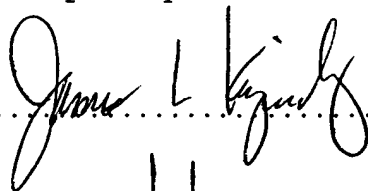
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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))—SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

Docket Number (Optional)
FOODSYS-6

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Rose et al.

Application or Patent No.: 09/981,640

Filed or Issued: October 17, 2001

Title: Conveyorized Cheese Brining Apparatus

I hereby state that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
- ☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Food Process Systems, Inc.

ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 930 Development Drive, P.O. Box 327, Lodi, WI 53555

I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
- ☒ the application identified above
- ☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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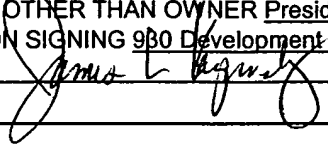
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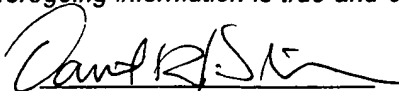
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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No: FOODSYS-6

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WHEREAS, Scott J. Rose, of Columbus, Wisconsin; and James L. Karpinsky, of Poynette, Wisconsin (hereinafter "ASSIGNORS"), have invented a Conveyorized Cheese Brining Apparatus, for which application is being made for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 09/981,640, filed October 17, 2001; and

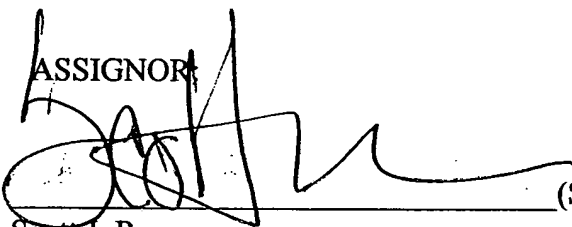
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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which by ASSIGNORS from ASSIGNEE is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title, and interest for the territory of the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in and to the invention as described in the above application and in and to the patent application. The invention, application, and Letters Patent are to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for its own use, and by its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNORS had this Assignment and sale not been made.

ASSIGNORS do further hereby agree to provide all reasonable aid to ASSIGNEE in the making and prosecuting of any application for other Letters Patent that ASSIGNEE may wish to make covering the invention claimed in the application and in vesting in ASSIGNEE like exclusive right, title, and interest in and to all such other applications and resulting Letters Patent in similar proportion. ASSIGNORS hereby agree that ASSIGNORS will similarly aid ASSIGNEE in the prosecution of any interference that may arise involving any application for Letters Patent herein contemplated and that

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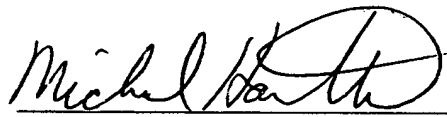
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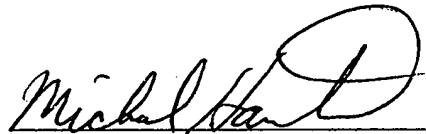

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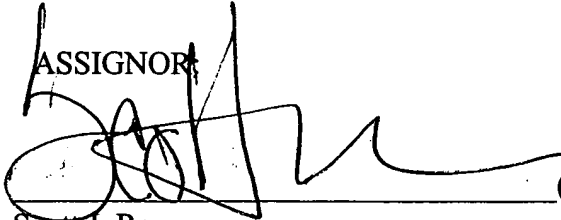
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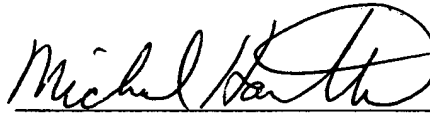
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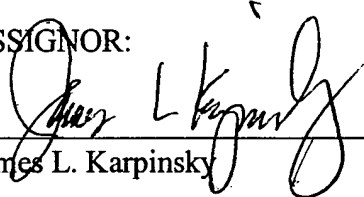
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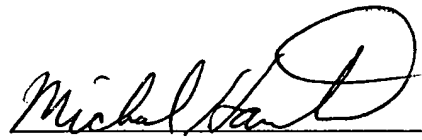
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